## HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

**BRAC BIT:** # 73 **DATE:** 5 April 2010

**SUBJECT(S):** BBI Meeting Schedule Changes and DINFOS

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- 1. Upcoming Events: In order to improve our spacing between BBI Meetings, we need to revise our meeting dates for the remainder of Phase I (July 2009-July 2010). These "Other Barn" BBI Meetings, will continue to be held from 8 AM to 10 AM on the dates listed below:
  - a. Cancel April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - **b.** Keep May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Add June 23<sup>rd</sup> (End of Phase I Progress Review)
    d. Cancel July 7<sup>th</sup>

  - e. Add July 28<sup>th</sup> (Phase II Kick-Off)

## 2. Discussion:

## a. Defense Information School (DINFOS) Located on Fort Meade Is Expanding:

(The following article is from the official Fort Meade Website and was written by Staff Writer, Lisa R. Rhodes.)

Preparations will begin in early June to set up more than 90 new and temporary modulars, or trailers to provide extra space for the Defense Information School as it prepares for an increased student load. The 90,000-square-feet of additional space is part of a three-phase expansion project, which began last December, at DINFOS. Lt. Col. William Manley, deputy commandant of DINFOS, said the school is expanding from about 2,700 students annually to about 3,500 students, who will begin to arrive in September..... The mission of DINFOS is to grow and sustain a corps of professional organization communicators -- public affairs and visual information personnel -- who fulfill the communication needs of the military.......When the \$45 million project is completed in 2014, the school will be able to accommodate a 30 percent increase in its student population, Manley said. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District is overseeing the expansion project. Phase one is ongoing and includes the renovation of classrooms and administrative space in the main building.....About 315 public affairs leadership students and public affairs journalists and their instructors, along with 110 administrative staff members, will use the new modulars. The school's visual information and broadcast operations and maintenance students will continue to have classes in the main building. Phase three of the project begins in 2012 and entails adding 80,000 square feet to the main building, Manley said. When the expansion is completed in 2014, all of the school's administrative staff and training will be housed there, and the 90 modulars will be removed. To accommodate the projected increase in the number of students, DINFOS began hiring more than 80 new instructors and administrative personnel earlier this year.....

## **b.** Employment Opportunities:

Last month, I attended and employment event called <u>BRAC Jobs 101</u>. This was an excellent event focused on raising awareness of opportunities and over 250 job-seekers attended. Now that we have many job-seekers on our BRAC distribution, let me offer three observations about job fairs.

- Make sure you know exactly what jobs are being offered.
- Ultimately, this is about aligning your capabilities with organizational needs.
- Do not be surprised by the number of people that show up for such an event and the time it may take for you to make initial contact with event staff.